

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 1404
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A RESOLUTION to honor the memory of Gerald Michael "Mike" Brown of Rockwood.

WHEREAS, the members of this General Assembly were greatly saddened to learn of the untimely death of Gerald Michael "Mike" Brown; and

WHEREAS, Mike Brown was an exemplary public servant and consummate professional with over twenty years of law enforcement experience who worked assiduously to improve the quality of life for his fellow citizens in numerous capacities; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Brown had previously served with acumen and alacrity as a Deputy in McMinn, Meigs, Loudon, and Cumberland counties, earning the respect of his peers, superiors, and the public alike for the exemplary quality of his work; and

WHEREAS, participating in a ride-along program on May 11, 2006, Mike Brown was accompanying his longtime friend, Roane County Deputy Sheriff Bill Jones, who was serving felony warrants; Mr. Brown and Sheriff Jones were killed when they were ambushed and fired upon by two men; and

WHEREAS, Mike Brown was a 1980 graduate of Rockwood High School, a graduate of the State Police Academy in Donelson, Tennessee, and he attended Roane State Community College; Mr. Brown's grandfather and several uncles were "lawmen," and Mike had proudly followed in their footsteps during an estimable twenty-year law enforcement career; and

WHEREAS, Mike Brown and Sheriff Bill Jones patrolled together in Cumberland County and became best friends, often fishing and camping together; the pair also spent their final minutes together; Mike's younger brother, Stephen, explained that his brother died doing exactly what he wanted to do, and he was in the company of his best friend; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Brown was an active and devout member of the Rockwood United Methodist Church, which he served faithfully for many years; and

WHEREAS, Mike Brown will be dearly missed by his parents, Willie and Pat Brown; brothers, Stephen Brown and Christopher Brown; uncle, Johnny Cline; and aunt, Mary Starrett and her husband, Robert; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Brown was preceded in death by his grandparents, John and Enza Harvey Cline, and Walter James and Lois Brown; step-grandmother, Clara Brown; aunt, Ethel Stollicker; and uncle, Vel Cline; and

WHEREAS, Mike Brown leaves behind an indelible legacy of integrity and probity in public life, compassion and loyalty in private life, and diligence and dedication in all his chosen endeavors; and

WHEREAS, in upholding the noble ideals of the law and in seeking to protect and serve the good citizens of Roane County and Tennessee by participating in law enforcement, Mike Brown lost his life while supporting a fellow officer, a sacrifice that will be long-remembered for both its bravery and selflessness; and

WHEREAS, it is fitting that this General Assembly should pause to remember the bountiful life of this exceptional peace officer and human being; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED FOURTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we honor the memory of Gerald Michael "Mike" Brown, reflecting fondly upon his impeccable character as a law enforcement professional, his stalwart commitment to living the examined life with courage and conviction, his bravery in the face of danger, and his unwavering dedication to preserving the peace.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that we express our sympathy and offer our condolences to the family of Mr. Brown.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.